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**SUBJECT:** TCH - 314 Brush Management (Shinnery Control, Tebuthiuron Variance)

**TO:** Joe Whitehead, District Conservationist, Portales                      File Code: 450-11  
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Attached is a Variance to the Lovington and Portales Field Office Technical Guide Brush Management Specification (314). This variance is provided as guidance for the application of tebuthiuron herbicides in the shinnery oak ecosystem. This variance will allow the management of shinnery oak in a manner that improves habitat for the lesser prairie chicken and is benign to the habitat of the sand dune lizard.

Please attach a copy of this variance to all site specific job sheets developed for this practice. All pertinent operations and maintenance practices must be made part of the site specific job sheet as per 314 Brush Management Specifications.

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